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The Elkhorn is a horn of plenty to Northern Nebraska.

NEBRASKA'S CROP of corn and hogs promises to be immense.

OMAHA holds the commercial key to the trans-Missouri country.

HARTMANN and hard man, in the eyes of some people, are the same.

NEBRASKA'S state fair this fall will exceed in dimensions any ever before held in the state.

The telegraph announces the death at a New Jersey insane asylum of Orville S. Grant, the brother of the ex-president.

The Cleveland Leader thinks that there is too much of the Boston brown bread and baked beans policy about our Indian system.

CANADA shows as much appetite for bagging U. S. mail bags as the United States does for capturing dissatisfied Canadian emigrants.

ONE of our state exchanges hits the nail on the head when it advises its readers to keep cool over the probable arrival of a line of railroad, and adds, "We do not want to build a road and then pay for transportation over it."

IT PAYS sometimes to slap a man in the mouth. The Cincinnati Commercial has collected 15,000 one cent subscriptions for the benefit of a man who slapped another for asserting that Garfield's death would serve him right.

NORTH CAROLINA evidently did not want prohibition. Every country in the state voted in opposition to the proposed constitutional amendment.

OMAHA cannot be built up by wind and the falsification of facts. Ten energetic and public spirited business men are worth an hundred columns of promiscuous and ill-advised newspaper gas.

TIBBLES' new mother-in-law is named Mrs. "Iron Horse." If she happens to get up steam, Tibbles' position will be less of a sinecure than his former job as a natural born shears editor on The Herald.

ANOTHER railroad is to open up northern Nebraska to immigration and markets, and Valley and Greeley counties will reap the benefit of being brought into closer connection with the remainder of the state.

The Ohio campaign languishes. Charley Foster has such a walk-away that he hasn't knocked the hoops off his "bar" and Bookwater refuses to throw away his money on a sure defeat. Hence the local politicians are in mourning.

NEITHER Fremont nor Wahoo give much encouragement to the proprietors of the Lincoln & Fremont railroads on the proposition to vote bonds. The Wahoo Times says: "We do not believe the people of Saunders county will ever entertain a bond proposition for a moment. If the road is never built until bonds are voted, the youngest inhabitant of Wahoo will die of old age before a depot of the Lincoln & Fremont railroad is ever established in Wahoo."

FOR ingenuity in money making schemes, honest or otherwise, New England stands at the head. It has recently been discovered that some Boston star route contractors in New Mexico, Arizona and other remote regions have been in the habit, periodically, of sending out a lot of worn out horses and broken down stages, which were destroyed by the Indians, or white men disguised as Indians, being hired for the business by the proprietors of the routes. The next move was to present a bill to the government for the property, accompanied by affidavits to show that the horses killed were very valuable, the stages burned were new and high priced vehicles.

WHERE CIVIL SERVICE REFORM IS NEEDED.

Hon. E. H. Rogers, of Fremont, Neb., consul to Vera Cruz, Mexico, died at Vera Cruz, August 1st. Mr. Rogers has been in poor health some time, and the appointment as consul was procured for him last spring in the hope that a residence in the South might restore him to health.—Nemaha Times.

The appointment of Mr. Rogers was made at the urgent request of the whole congressional delegation from this state. Mr. Rogers had been an invalid for several years, and at the time of his nomination was on the verge of the grave in the last stages of consumption.

This fact was well known to our senators when they asked for his appointment, and they knew that he was in no condition to perform the duties incumbent upon a consul at such an important commercial center as Vera Cruz. Why then did they urge the appointment? Is the United States consular service a retreat for confirmed invalids?

Why should this government be put to the expense of transporting men disabled by chronic disease to foreign countries to pay the political debts of congressmen and senators? In this case the government has not only been imposed on but American citizens who have commercial interests at Vera Cruz are at much trouble and expensive delay until a new consul is appointed and confirmed. Suppose the next consul at Vera Cruz should be chosen from among the patients in some hospital would not American and Mexican merchants have just reason for complaint? And yet this is likely to happen if our Nebraska representatives are accorded the privilege of recommending Mr. Rogers' successor, and the policy they have inaugurated is adhered to.

This is a striking commentary on the abuses to which the courtesy of the president toward senators and congressmen is subject. It is eminently proper that the president should consult the wishes of senators in the distribution of federal patronage among the citizens of the various states and sections. It is not natural that their recommendations should have great weight with the executive, especially when the candidates are citizens from their own states. But senators and congressmen should never recommend anybody to an office whom they know to be incompetent or unfit to fill the position. Above all things they should remember that the civil service of the country is not intended to be an alms-house for paupers or a hospital for invalids.

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of Sherman and Adams counties, while farther east many fields still scarcely pay for the cutting. Experienced judges declare that the average for the whole state will not exceed eight bushels per acre, while the most sanguine do not increase the figures more than two bushels.

Years ago THE BEE took the lead of the press in advising our farmers to place little dependence upon wheat as a staple crop. Experience has proved the wisdom of its advice. While excellent wheat can, under advantageous circumstances, be raised in many portions of our state, yet, as a rule, wheat has failed to pay the rent and raise the wind on real estate by extravagant statements and exaggerated reports must in the end be a drawback to our growth.

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STATE JOTTINGS.

Stanton's first piano has arrived. Ulysses feels the need of a church. Lincoln is adjusting a line of Herdies. Crete is clamoring for a packing house. Syracuse is enjoying a healthy growth. Wahoo is building an \$8,000 bank building.

Albion wants a hook and ladder company. Hooping Water talks of erecting a \$15,000 hotel. Exeter has settled the location of her school house. Tekamah's new mill will be running before winter. Plattsmouth shipped 18 cars of hogs in one day last week.

Howard county's school institute has been a great success. The negotiations for North Bend bridge have fallen through. Thayer county papers are urging the building of a stone jail.

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Oakland proposes to have a cheese factory with \$40,000, according to The Independent. The West Point Butter and Cheese association is building barns to accommodate 300 cows. A bold attempt was made to murder P. J. Healy, telegraph repairer of North Platte last week.

Ord is rejoicing over the prospect of soon being connected by a branch line of the Union Pacific. Fourteen hundred dollars has been raised for a Methodist church at Spring Valley, Washington county. The First Baptist church of Ord filed their articles of incorporation in the clerk's office last Saturday.

The United Brethren offer to build a college at Blue Springs if the citizens will contribute half the cost. Two emigrants passing through Dunbar were accidentally shot last week by a gun hanging in their wagon. The Nebraska City manufacturing company will have their works in operation by the middle of next month.

An extensive addition is being made to the West Point paper mill. The new improvements will cost \$90,000. Money orders amounting to \$2,944.24 were sold during the year ending August 2, from Stanton postoffice. The residence of Pat Gillespie, at Forest City, in Sarpy county, was burned to the ground last week. Loss \$1,500.

The Holmsville quarries in Gage county are doing a large business. Five car loads of stone are shipped to Beatrice. A fire occurred at Tecumseh last week in the hardware store of J. D. Harman. It was extinguished with little damage. Bert Smith, of Rising City, put out one of his eyes last week while pouring Rabbit brandy into a harvesting machine cavity. Red Willow county has an indebtedness of \$19,000, and The Courier advises that it be funded by issuing the bonds of the county.

pled with the individual and collective enterprise of her capitalists and business men, than upon the blowing of brazen trumpets and beating of tom-toms.

The vapors of two or three wind-bags who write exaggerated reports about Omaha and Nebraska to eastern newspapers and the fat journalists who are trying to create an artificial boom for Omaha by windy editorials are doing Omaha a great deal more harm than good. Rents are already high enough and corner lots in very fair demand at what some people call extravagant figures. Every attempt to bull the rent and raise the wind on real estate by extravagant statements and exaggerated reports must in the end be a drawback to our growth.

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IOWA BOILED DOWN.

Marshalltown is soon to have a barbed wire factory. The grand lodge of Good Templars meet at Algona August 30. A LeMars dealer is shipping six cars of wool direct to Boston.

Hardin county wheat fields average thirteen bushels to the acre. The Creston telephone exchange has filed articles of incorporation. Butts has built \$34,275 worth of buildings in the last sixteen months.

The state board of equalization has raised the assessment of Dubuque county 10 per cent. There are more tourists about the Dickinson county lakes this year than ever before. The veterans of Buchanan county are going to have a reunion at Quasqueton on the 24th.

Newton has also discovered a mineral spring, the waters of which have rare medicinal properties. Fort Dodge has sold its \$15,000 of twenty five per cent. water-worn bonds at a premium of \$300,000 to the Adams.

The Hotel Keepers' association of Iowa meets at Davenport on Wednesday, August 10, at 10 a. m. Over thirty five dwellings and business houses are now in different stages of construction at Okaloosa. A steam distiller is crippling the horses around Clinton. Only half the street cars are running.

Charles City has a tow factory employing six men. The product is shipped to Cincinnati and Baltimore. The 26th Iowa regiment will have a reunion at Shenandoah, Page county, on August 29th, 30th and 31st.

Gen. J. M. Hedrick is the owner of Ottumwa's new street railroad and his sons are commencing to build the line. Dubuque had, on July 31st, 20,000,000 feet of lumber on hand, against 18,000,000 feet on the same day last year. Down at Okaloosa the Consolidation coal company has added to its possessions by buying 520 acres of land at \$85 per acre.

The recent flood in the Iowa river has resulted in changing the bed of the stream leaving many valuable water powers high and dry. Jacob Hoover, of West Union, sold a year old to Owen & Cook, seven pigs worth 3,000 pounds. A farmers' mass meeting has been called to meet in Wagon August 13 to nominate a candidate to represent Harrison county in the next general assembly.

The tallest corn they can show down in Monona county only stands fourteen feet and two inches high. The backward spring is responsible for it. The third annual meeting of the Old Settlers' association of Monona county will be held on Thursday, August 25, at Hon. Fischer's grove at Arcola. Gen. J. B. Reynolds says that Iowa will be at least 15,000,000 bushels short on wheat, and from 75,000,000 to 100,000,000 bushels short on corn this year.

The members of the Thirty-second regiment of Iowa volunteers, will hold a reunion at Iowa Falls on Wednesday and Thursday, August 31 and September 1. Bishop Perry recently laid the corner stone of an Episcopal church at Maquoketa. It will be a handsome brick structure, with a foundation of Anamosa stone.

Ames is about to form an organization which shall have for its object the general improvement of the place, more especially the establishing of factories and other industries. The German-American national teachers' association is in session at Davenport, with delegates from Milwaukee, Belleville, Ill., Texas, Dayton, O.; Detroit, Jersey City, Chicago and Cincinnati. Miss Jennie Johnson, daughter of W. V. Johnson, living a mile south of Waverly, committed suicide a few days since by swallowing strychnine. No reason is given for the act. She was about 30 years old. H. C. Henderson, of Marshall county, was nominated by the republicans of the Eleventh judicial district, in convention at Ashley on the 24 inst., to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge McKenzie. Sigourney is expecting a season of prosperity as soon as the C. M. & St. P. extension reaches that point. It is now proposed that the road will be next through Cedar Rapids to Kansas City by the new January.

what to be seen, and 1,900 acres of good wheat. One new law firm, a new grain buyer, a cheese factory, a two story addition to our school house, and several private residences are substantial indications of steady growth in February.

A crazy man in Lincoln, recently discharged from the insane asylum, shot at his wife and threatened to murder his neighbors and then escaped. The sheriff is still looking for him. The U. S. land office will be moved from Norfolk to Neligh in September. The office will be closed at Norfolk on the 10th at 4 o'clock p. m., and will be reopened at Neligh on the 15th at 9 o'clock a. m.

A party of about twenty gentlemen from Canada were in Nebraska City last week with a view to purchasing land and settling in the country. If they can find land to suit them they will clear their families out here in September.

Oakland has organized a "Stockman's Protective Association, or Vigilance Committee." The object of the association being to protect its members from horse thieves and the other arts, and the punishment of the thieves. Two traps collared a E. & M. brakeman on the road between Lincoln and Crete, tied him hand and foot, gagged him and kept him in a box car. Another brakeman on the train found him and let him loose, and the two threw the traps off when the train was running 18 miles an hour. They have not boarded that train since.

On last Tuesday Andrew Erickson, while engaged in shelling corn near the depot, met with quite a serious accident. Clinging to the side of a car, he slipped to the top of the sheller, and in attempting to get down he slipped and fell, striking with force one of the truck wheels upon which the sheller is mounted, inflicting a large scalp wound. (Wahoo Times.)

Mr. George C. Clark, while running a mowing machine last week near Meads station, Washington county, drove into a hole and the lurch of the machine threw him out of the seat of the sickle, resulting in very serious injury. The main bone of the right arm was entirely severed between the rib and the elbow and otherwise badly injured. The other arm was badly punctured, apparently by contact with the guards.

The surveyors for the route of the new Burlington & Missouri railroad from Pawnee City to Council Bluffs, with the Adeline, Topoka & Santa Fe railroad at Topoka, Kas., reached Seneca on Monday last, having located the route north of Seneca. Work will be contracted south from Seneca. A new town is to be located twelve miles north of Seneca, and parties are prepared to commence business as soon as work on the railroad begins.—(Humboldt Sentinel.)

IRON AND STEEL.

Pittsburg, August 4.—The iron and steel industries of Pittsburg are in a more flourishing condition than ever before at this season of the year. The Sligo rolling mill has more orders than it can fill. Graff, Bennett & Co., south side, are working double turn. The same is true at Painter & Co.'s works, South Pittsburg. The puddlers there are turning out five heats every twenty-four hours. Singer, Nimick & Co.'s South Side steel works are very busy, and have large orders. The Slocum-Anderson Company are building a large addition to their works. Chess, Smythe & Co. are operating their mill double in nearly every department; the puddlers are working single turn, three-handed and making six heats. The National Rolling Mill is operated in every department; the puddlers are working double turn, making four heats each turn.

Morehead's Iron Works at Sola are filling large orders; nearly every department is in double turn. The Pittsburg Steel Works of the Slocum-Anderson Steel Company are doing a very extensive business. H. Lloyd, Son & Co. report the iron trade in good condition. The American Iron Works of Jones, Laughlens & Co. are operated double in every department. These works employ 3,000 men, including coal miners. Everson & McCrurn are filling large orders; the puddlers are working single turn, three-handed and make three heats. Very recently they have been compelled to buy much bar iron to fill orders. At the Elba iron and bolt works nearly every department is in operation; the puddlers are working single turn three-handed and are making three heats. The Keystone iron works are being operated double in nearly every department; the puddlers are working double turn, making five heats. Oliver Bros. & Phillips' two rolling mills on the south side, are operated in every department; the puddlers are working three-handed, making six heats. The plate mill is in single turn, and turns out from twenty-five to thirty tons of iron per day. These facts will give the readers a pretty good idea of the state of the principal industry of the city at a time when most of the mills are usually shut down.

No Good Preaching. No man can do a good job of work, preach a good sermon, try a law suit, well, doctor a patient, or write a good article when he feels miserable and dull, with sluggish brain and unsteady nerves, and none should make the attempt in such a condition when it can be so easily and cheaply removed by a little Hop Bitters.—[Albany Times, at 15.

into deep water, slipped off and was drowned. His wife and two children were at Clear Lake on a pleasure trip, and were summoned home by telegraph.

The board of supervisors of Scott county have adopted a resolution providing for the submission of the people at the next general election of the question of the erection of a new court-house, the cost not to exceed \$100,000.

The Sibley Gazette says: "Felix E. Brown, of Sibley, has 1,113 acres of land for Close Bros., on sections 23 and 33 in Govey township and received therefore \$2,500. J. T. Smith broke 1,113 acres in Viola township and received \$4,000 for the job."

Judge Phelps, in the circuit court at Des Moines county, has decided that neither Jefferson nor Wapello county can recover from the B. & M. railroad company the amount of county bonds formerly paid by said counties, which has come into hands of third parties, and has been declared legally issued.

The Iowa Land company is the name of a new association which has purchased all the railroads in Iowa. The company comprises the Close brothers, the Duke of Sutherland and other Englishmen of wealth. Some years ago the Close brothers settled a colony of English immigrants in Iowa, in Lyon county.

The identical organization shows that the valuation placed on real estate for the whole state is a little over \$7.13 per acre; two years ago it was \$7.11. Two years ago the aggregate taxable value on personally owned realty was \$405,763,581; this year it is \$418,468,133, a gain of \$12,704,552, which is of course only about one-third of the real gain during the period.

THE POSTAL TELEGRAPH.

From the Milwaukee Republican. A reporter found Prof. C. H. Haskins who had just returned from an extended trip east, in his office yesterday, and proceeded at once to question him relative to the new postal telegraph company, of which he was elected vice president. In response to the reporter's queries, the professor spoke somewhat as follows: "I have not yet accepted the position tendered me, and have not yet decided what to do in the matter. I have not yet made any determination in the premises. While I was in Boston the election took place, and I was chosen director and vice president. Upon my return to New York I had a talk with Mr. Keene, and ascertained that the object in electing me was to make me general manager. The stock amounting to \$21,000,000 has not yet been placed upon the market, although I understand that over one-half the stock has already been subscribed for. I have been given as much time as I desire to consider the matter of taking charge of the company's affairs, and as yet cannot say anything relative to my decision. The object of the company is to inaugurate a new and cheap system of telegraphy, a system that will send a larger number of messages in a briefer period of time than any system yet devised. For this purpose the company will adopt the latest and best inventions. They will continue the advantages of all these, and thus secure an excellent system of telegraphy. They will probably adopt a number of my inventions, among them the automatic repeater. At present the company does not possess any wires, but negotiations are now pending for the consolidation of the Mutual Union and the American Rapid companies with the Postal Telegraph company. If the consolidation is effected, the new company will possess, to start with, ten wires from Washington to Boston, four wires from Chicago to Minneapolis, and eight wires from New York to Chicago. Relative to the salary he will receive as general manager, Prof. Haskins states that that will probably be left for him to decide. If the professor accepts the office, he will locate at New York."

An Old Friend. He was afflicted with a lame back and general debility; he was recommended Thomas' Electric Oil, which cured him. This famous specific is a positive remedy for lumbago, etc.

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